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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No.: 10/648,078) Ex: Ali, Shumaya
Filed: 26 August 2003) Art Unit: 3743
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
PREVENTING FLUID TRANSFER)
BETWEEN AN OVIDUCT AND A)
UTERINE CAVITY)

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, mailed 28 December 2005, in the above identified case. A shortened statutory period for response has been set for 1 month, up to and including 28 January 2006.

Claims 1 through 20 were presented for examination. Said claims now stand subject to restriction.

In response thereto, Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, sets forth the following remarks.

The Requirement for Restriction

Restriction has been required to one of the following patentably distinct species of the invention:

Species I. Figures 1-5, claims 2-4, 12-14; and

Species II. Figures 6-8, claims 5-6, 15-16.

Currently, claims 1, 7-11, and 17-20 are generic.

The Election

For purposes of immediate examination, Applicant hereby elects the following invention:

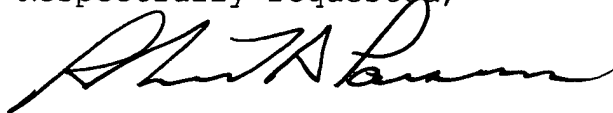
Species I. Figures 1-5.

Claims 1-4, 7-14 and 17-20, are readable on the elected species.

This election is made without right of traverse and without prejudice to the subsequent filing of a continuing or divisional application directed to the non-elected invention.

Should there be any questions or remaining issues regarding the foregoing, Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for a speedy resolution.

Respectfully requested,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Parsons", written in a cursive style.

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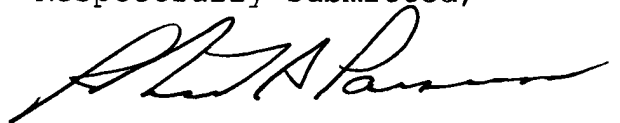
I hereby certify that the attached Response to Election Requirement and a postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on 30 January 2006.


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